

Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee Meeting

Subject:

FW: Tour of Metrolink stations in Highgrove

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Rusty,

I am recommending that you become the next commissioner representing the city of Riverside on the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

We need a strong person such as yourself to understand how this location within the city limits will not only benefit Riverside but it will also benefit the entire region on both sides of the county line. Many commissioners are also mayors in their respective cities.

On June 9, 2015 I gave the city clerk copies of my personal comments to the councilmembers and to you. Please read the "Support for Highgrove Metrolink Station" that I gave to you showing the written support the Highgrove location has received for over 13 years.

By going to our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on "8 years of comments" and each item in "Supporting Docs" you can see the original letters of support. Please look at the dates on the letters and city resolutions.

On June 18, 2015 at 10:00 am, two representatives from San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramos' office will be at my home to look at the Highgrove Metrolink location, the Marlborough Ave. Metrolink location, and the 1,409 new homes that are under construction in Highgrove.

I encourage you to also come to Highgrove to look at these locations that will take less than 1 hour. If you are unable to come at that time I will give you a personal tour but this time it will not be in my 1957 Chevrolet convertible.

I have already taken 4 Riverside city council members to these locations but even if you will not be Riverside's commissioner on RCTC, you too need to see for yourself why this location is so important.

I will arrange my schedule to comply with yours whenever you can get 1 hour to come to my home located at 474 Prospect Ave. in Highgrove.

We need you as commissioner representing the city in this important position.

Thank you,

"Barney"

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cc: Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

June 25, 2015

Riverside City Councilmembers
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I am writing this letter as an endorsement for the appointment of Mayor Rusty Bailey to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). As a Commission for the California Transportation Commission, I have studied the top transportation policy issues in our state for the past thirteen years and believe that I have unique insight into regional planning issues. As a long-term resident of Riverside, I have been able to apply this knowledge to local transportation needs, providing me with an astute knowledge of the region. I would like to take this opportunity to offer some insight as to why Mayor Bailey is the logical appointment to the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

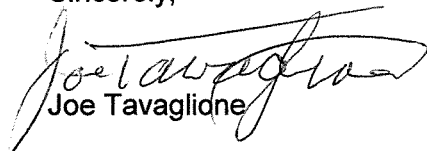
Mayor Bailey has a diverse background that intersects well with transportation and regional planning. On the academic front, he holds a Master's in Public Policy and attended the Mayor's Institute for City Design. On the work experience front he has worked in economic development, community development and housing. Each of these areas are components of strong planning efforts, providing the Mayor with a unique perspective. This perspective is furthered by his work at the federal, county and city levels.

Increasingly transportation is moving from a jurisdictional approach to a regional approach, as residents are more and more mobile and they expect seamless transportation across jurisdictional boundaries. As a result, at all levels of government, there has been a shift towards integrated corridor management and stronger regional planning efforts. Given these new circumstances, the work of boards like RCTC, Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG), and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) often have overlap and benefit from some levels of congruence. Given that Mayor Bailey represents the City on both the WRCOG and SCAG board, an appointment to RCTC would ensure seamless representation and would also allow him to leverage the regional relationships he has established as a member of these two boards in his service on RCTC.

In addition to the Mayor's experience working with the other regional planning organizations, I believe that there are transitional issues to be considered in this appointment. Steve Adams has represented the City of Riverside on the RCTC board for many years and has a wealth of knowledge about local and regional transportation issues. Steve's retirement will inevitably leave the city with a gap that must be filled in the most expeditious way possible. Given this, a structured knowledge transfer process is essential. It is my understanding that Steve has offered transitional support to the Mayor, should he be appointed to RCTC. Mayor Bailey also has substantial transportation expertise available to him on his own team, as his chief of staff served as a Vice President for a global transportation engineering firm, bringing a wealth of knowledge and an extensive transportation and planning network.

Finally, transportation is a city-wide policy issue. The Mayor is the only official in the City of Riverside that is elected to represent the interest of all residents, and as such is best equipped to represent the entire city on the RCTC board.

Sincerely,



Joe Tavgliedne